(b) The interest paid on borrowings was Rs. 1,689.32 crore during the year, 2003-04.

LPG godowns in residential areas

758. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that LPG godowns have come up in residential colonies like West Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi recently;

(b) whether several accidents occurred in the past on account of blast in godowns causing great damage in different residential colonies; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken to shift such godowns to open areas?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) No LPG godowns are located in West Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi. Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has allotted sites for development of 3 LPG godowns for the distributors of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) in Sub-zone H-4, Pitampura, Delhi. These godowns will be commissioned by IOCL after taking approval of statutory and local authorities and in conformity with the rules laid down by the Department of Explosives.

(b) and (c) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have not reported any accident in the past on account of blast in LPG godowns causing damage to residential colonies in Delhi.

Closure of Adulteration Prevention Cell

†759. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have closed down the Petrol-Diesel Adulteration Prevention Cell;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal is under consideration to check adulteration in petroleum products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.